MISSION

Morang South Primary School is a committed and unified partnership of teachers, parents and children. We value diversity and strive for excellence. We are committed to providing a high quality education in a cooperative, caring and safe environment. Children are encouraged and challenged to reach their full potential.

23rd February 2012

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From the Principal

Hello everyone,

As always term one is away to a flying start and the calendar HAS filled up QUICKLY. Please be sure to check all of the dates on the front of the Newsletter.

Our specialist programs have been running for three weeks now and the children have been thoroughly enjoying them. I wonder if you have had the experiments repeated at home for you and I am sure the 5/6 parents are looking forward to hearing their children using their recorder at home!! (LOL!!!) The programs run as follows

Visual Arts – P- 6 (weekly) Wendy Rizzo
PE P- 4 – Sue Grad (weekly) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
PE 5/6 – David Mathie (weekly) Thursday
Performing Arts – (even weeks) P – 4 Diana Gevaux
Performing Arts – (even weeks) 5/6 – Wednesday – Sandi Young
Science – (odd weeks) P – 4 Diana Gevaux
Science – (odd weeks) 5/6 – Wednesday – Sandi Young
Library – weekly – Class Teachers

The 5/6 and 3/4 classes also have two hours of sport on Fridays.

VISION

Our vision for Morang South Primary is to become a vibrant learning community where all members are challenged and empowered to strive for and celebrate personal excellence and continuous growth. The children will become positive, compassionate, able, creative, confident thinkers, and life long, socially responsible learners equipped to thrive in and shape the future of our evolving global society.
We are also running Bright Futures Art and Maths extension for grades 5 and 6, Chess workshops for children in grades 3 – 6 and Wise Ones for children in grades 2 - 6.

These programs form an integral part of our education programs. In the coming weeks I will ask the teachers and children involved to write about them for the Newsletter.

I attended the staff professional learning and parent information sessions of Cyber Smart practices last night. They were very informative and certainly impressed upon us how quickly things change in the digital world. Congratulations to those parents who attended last night, you are certainly forewarned and forearmed now! If you were unable to attend and would like some more information you can log on to the Cyber Smart website at www.cybersmart.gov.au

STOP PRESS – THE PARENT CYBERSMART SESSION FOR PARENTS IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO OUR PARENTS TONIGHT AT 6PM AT THE LAKES P-9 SCHOOL.

This week we are emailing the Gorge News to all families. Thank you to all those families who have ensured that we have a current email address. If you would like a hard copy of the Gorge News, there will be a limited number available in the foyer for collection by parents.

Please remember that we love to have parents helping in the classrooms and if you have any worries or concerns, please let us know straight away.

You are welcome to see me if you wish to discuss the issues I’ve written about today. I would appreciate feedback as to whether you find the information useful.

Keep up that life long learning!

Julie Jones
Principal

This year is the National Year of Reading. I would like to encourage you to sit down with your child/children and read a book together for 10 minutes every day. This is a great bedtime experience, they wind down and so do you. Find out what your children are reading – read the same book if they are older students and discuss the characters/plot etc. You will be amazed at the way they view the story. It may not differ all that much from your view but then again....

Scholastic Warehouse is having a book sale! It is open to the public 23rd - 24th February from 9.00am – 6.00pm. 40%-50% off everything. Fantastic way to get an early run on birthday presents for the year.

Address: Scholastic Warehouse, 9-11 Northern Rd

West Heidelberg. Parking at the Austrian Club – 76 Sheehan Rd. Life is better with a book.

Happy Reading

Please remember that our School Council election process is under way. Nominations close next Thursday March 1st. I have placed the call for nominations schedule in this Newsletter.
Stars of the Week

Grades Prep – 6
Week 3

Home Group  1  Alysha, Mohammad Ali
Home Group  2  Logan & Madeleine
Home Group  3  Cooper & Jaida
Home Group  7  Reece & Charlotte
Home Group  9  Zoe & Chris
Home Group  11  Joel & Callan
Home Group 13  Savannah & Kyle K
Home Group  15  Kyle & Alyssa
Home Group 16  Ty & Renae
Home Group  19  Daniel
Home Group 20  Ruby F
Home Group  21  Chelsea & Brayden
Home Group 22  Kelsea & Robert
Home Group  23  HG 23
Home Group  07  Charlotte B & Reece L
Home Group  10  Brooke F & Levi Mc
Home Group  11  Jayde C & Kian M
Home Group  13  Kyle K & Savannah C
Home Group  15  Kyle P & Alyssa B
Home Group  16  Jessie T & Ty T
Home Group  21  Jessica D & Heath S
Home Group  22  Joshua Ford & Alyssa
Swimming!

The Morang South swimming team arrived pumped and a little bit nervous for this event. The 7 fabulous swimmers who represented our school were Emily A, Marnie J, Sarah E, Lauren M, Chelsea B, Alyssa B and Matthew F. We had great support and results, we finished 6th on the day. Thanks to Mrs Eames for all her help.
In science we have been investigating the science process of creating an experiment to test an idea or question. The process includes predicting, observing and explaining. We have completed some fun experiments. We made balloons roar, we balanced rulers on our fingers and dropped cards from a great height to see how they fall.

Diana Gevaux
Chess Club results for Tuesday 21st February 2012. As this was officially the first round the top three ranked competitors are not listed.

**Group 1**: Winners were Kiyan, Jesse, Fonda and Kassandra. Draw between Nevmin and Simon

**Group 2**: Winners were Ty, Jake and Lachlan. Draws were between Peter, and Brandon, Jack and Brooke

**Group 3**: Winners were Heath, Josh, Lachlan, Aidan and Thomas

**Group 4**: Winners were James, Aleks, Mia, Bronte and Elizabeth

Congratulations everyone on great matches and play.

For further results visit [http://mspschess.challonge.com](http://mspschess.challonge.com) where you will find links to the past and present.

Diana and Rhys Gevaux

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**Prep for Parents**

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.


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**School Council Policy**

Due to the number of allergies children have and sometimes a ‘fear’ factor, School Council has a policy regarding dogs in the school ground.

**DOGS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT INTO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Please respect this policy and keep your dog out of our school grounds.

If your child would like to bring a pet for show and tell, please make special arrangements with their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Schedule 3 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

For School Council

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Morang South Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Thursday March 1st

If a ballot is necessary it will close at 4.00 pm on Friday March 16th

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school by Monday March 5th. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal 9/2/12

Notes

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.
5 CENT-A-THON FUNDRAISER
Collect all those 5 cent coins that are lying around the house or cluttering up your wallet and send them to school with your children.
Each classroom will have a jar with different coloured levels marked clearly on the jar. Small and fun rewards will be offered to those grades who reach a level 1st.
Progress will be announced at the fortnightly assemblies
GOOD LUCK!!

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS (PAVERS)
For anyone interested, these special bricks will be placed around the new gym as part of our landscaping
Simply draw your image or write your name (one name per paver) as per the instructions – 1 brick: $30, 2 bricks: $50, 3 bricks: $70, 4 bricks: $90
For further information please see the office or contact Michelle Lewis on 0419 580 768

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011/12
Available for purchase at $65 from the office with $13 profit going towards the school

CLASSIFIEDS
Advertising prices (per month) are:
Business card $12
¼ page $18, ½ page $24
Full page $48
To advertise, contact Donna on 0439 322 242 or email donnafromthergill@hotmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Situated in the Parents & Friends Room (opposite Room 22).
Open Thursday mornings 9:00-9:30am

BAKERS DELIGHT – RIVERGUM “Dough Raiser”
Shop at Bakers Delight Rivergum Shopping Village, mention Morang South Primary School and they will happily donate a % of the total you spend back to the school

Full Life PHARMACY MILL PARK
AND Amcal PHARMACY RIVERGUM
Remember to place your receipts in the Morang South Primary School box

We always welcome new members
Next Meeting (AGM) to be held on Wednesday 29th February
**OSHC NEWS**

The term is flying by so please get onto www.campaaustralia.com.au and register your child/ren, so then they can come along and join in all the fun at Morang South OSHC.

In the upcoming weeks we have lots of new and exciting craft, cooking and outdoor games to be played; they will not want to miss out!

We at Morang South OSHC would also like to welcome Vincenza to our team here. Vincenza already knows the children well as she is an integration aide here at Morang South. She cannot wait to join in the fun!

**REMINDERS**

- **How to get started**: before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaaustralia.com.au

- **Once registered**: you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

- **Save on Care**: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

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**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

- **MONDAY**: Crepe paper flowers
- **TUESDAY**: Library
- **WEDNESDAY**: Decorate Bugs
- **THURSDAY**: Bug iced biscuits
- **FRIDAY**: Decorate spiders

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

- **MONDAY**: Cellophane fish
- **TUESDAY**: Dyed Japanese fish
- **WEDNESDAY**: Giant shark
- **THURSDAY**: Under the sea cards
- **FRIDAY**: Movie- Nemo

**AWARDS... Dakota & Robert**

**MENU**

- **MONDAY**: Ricecakes with a variety of spreads
- **TUESDAY**: Sandwiches with a variety of spreads
- **WEDNESDAY**: Saladas with a variety of spreads
- **THURSDAY**: RESTAURANTS
- **FRIDAY**: Fruits and jelly

www.campaaustralia.com.au
YARRAMBAT NETBALL CLUB
1ST TERM, 2012
Mondays 4pm – 5pm

FOR 5 TO 9 YEAR OLDS
Cost: $50 per child includes netsetgo pack and insurance. A weekly fee of $5.00 per child/per session.

NetSetGo is a fun 10-week program designed to teach children the basic skills and rules of netball. It is a chance to participate in many exciting games and activities to improve hand eye co-ordination and fitness.

We are located behind the Yarrambat CFA on Ironbark Rd, Yarrambat.

TO REGISTER CALL OR EMAIL

Jenny Harrington
0403 643 430 or 9436 1113
yarrambatnetballclub@gmail.com
Religious Education for Catholic Children

Dear Parents,

We are concerned that you may not be aware of what is available to help your child grow in Christian faith and values.

A full program of Catholic Teaching and preparation for the Sacraments for children attending Government schools is run at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park. Children attend through the full school year on Tuesday afternoons, 4.15 - 5.00 pm. The classes start at Prep/Year 1 level and continue through to year 6. Children are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Year 3, First Communion in Year 4 and Confirmation in Years 5 and 6 (a 2-year program).

Parents are invited to come and enrol your child on Tuesday, 28th February, from 4 pm at the St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park. Classes for 2012 start on the following Tuesday, 6th March. For further enquiries please ring Ruth Lees: Ph: 9407 3171.

FOR SALE
$450
As New PlayStation 3 slim
160GB (still under warranty)
2 wireless controllers
1 HDMI cable
5 Games - Fifa 11, Gran Turismo 5, NBA 2K11, Formula 1 2011, Champion Jockey, Grand Theft Auto IV & Episodes from LibertyCity
Call- 0409 381 871

South Morang basketball club need MORE UNDER 8 BOYS & GIRLS who don’t turn 8 before JUNE 30. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MARGARET BATE ON 9436 8252 IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED
BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY
Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines!

A place to call home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas
"Australia seems very interesting, I like the climate and I’ve heard that Australians are nice and friendly." ~ Daniela, Finland
"I want to discover something else and enrich me with a new and beautiful experience." ~ Marie, Belgium
"I am curious to explore a different country. I hope to create friendships with others and be part of different customs." ~ Matteo, Italy

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!
PFA Fundraiser

Commemorative Bricks

We will be using these special bricks around the new Gym as part of our landscaping.

Prices:

1 brick: $30
2 bricks: $50
3 bricks: $70
4 bricks: $90

Morang South Primary School Commemorative Bricks Fundraiser

If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please return this section below in an envelope with the correct money and the slip of paper below with your design on the back. (Please remember to follow the instructions below).

Name: ____________________________   HG: _______

YES PLEASE! I would like to purchase   ___ brick(s) and I have enclosed $__________.

(ONE NAME PER PAVER) Please follow these simple steps when creating your hand drawn image.

- Draw your image on the other side of this slip of paper. (the size is the same as the engraving area of a paver.)
- Draw your image using a good quality medium thickness black marker pen. (about 2mm thick.) Do not use a ballpoint pen!
- Make sure that you rub out any pencil lines as these will show up in the finished paver.
- Do not include computer generated or pasted pictures, the hand drawn image engraving process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only.
- Sample #1 has been drawn correctly. Sample #2 is incorrect it has a computer generated image and the text was written with a ballpoint pen.

On the back of this section record your design